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TITLE: CELLULOSE-REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITE AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

### REMARKS

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(2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action or a notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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